

A.R. Lewis Elementary

1755 Shady Grove Road
Pickens, SC 29671

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	225 Students	
Principal	Thomas P. Polidor	864-397-1300
Superintendent	Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.	864-397-1000
Board Chair	Alex Saitta	864-868-1961

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	At-Risk
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Good	Average
2011	Good	Excellent
2010	Good	Excellent

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

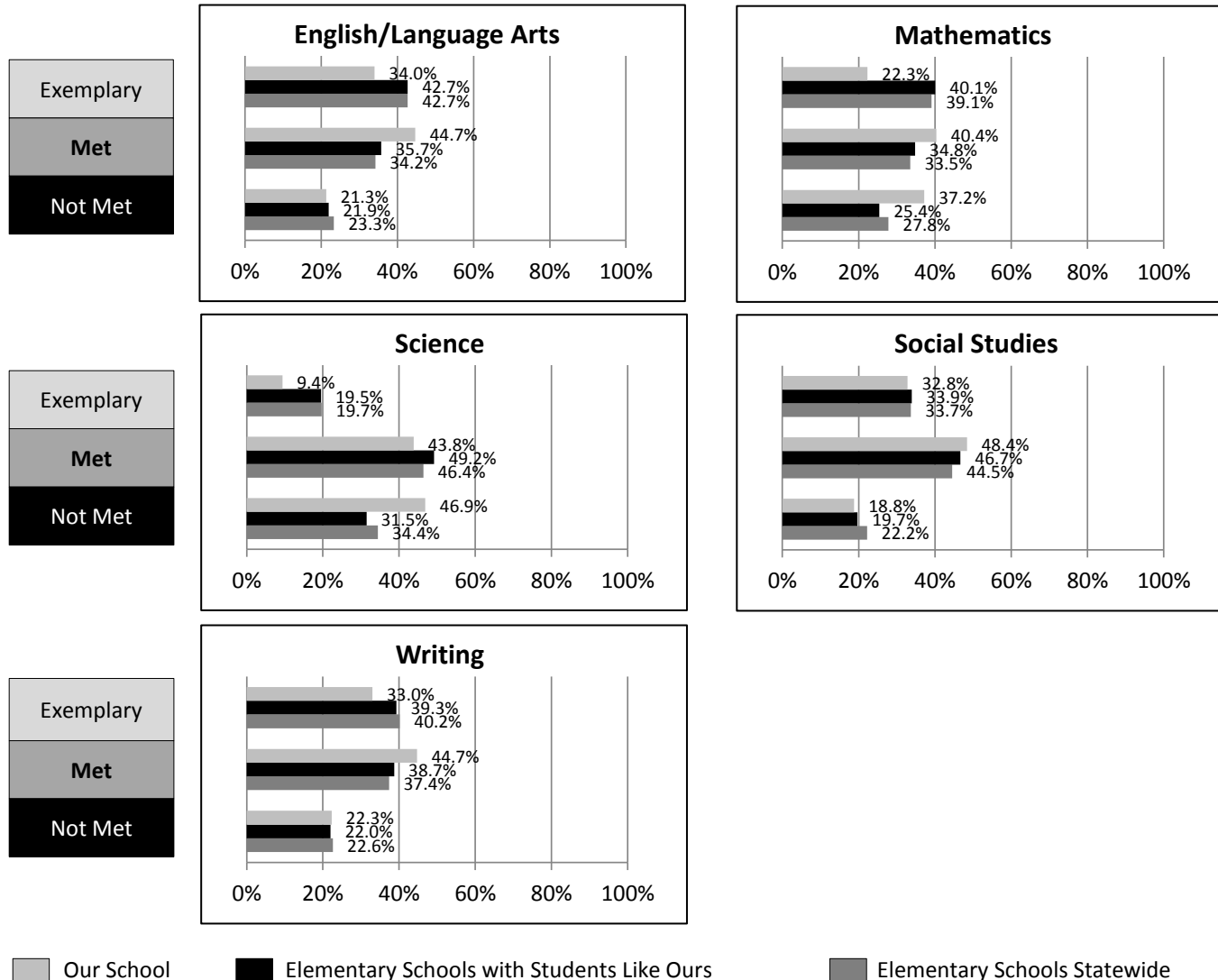
98.3%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
29	48	46	2	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 225)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	5.1%	Up from 2.2%	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.2%	Down from 96.4%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.4%	Down from 13.1%	7.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	14.0%	Down from 15.6%	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.2%	Up from 1.6%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 17)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	76.5%	Up from 61.1%	60.9%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	88.2%	Up from 83.3%	83.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.7%	Up from 86.1%	89.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.5%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,595	Up 2.9%	\$48,402	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	8.6 days	Down from 9.8 days	10.7 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/R	N/A	20.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Down from 90.9%	90.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,035	Down 8.1%	\$7,513	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	Down from 60.0%	66.8%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.5%	Up from 57.0%	66.0%	66.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Albert R. Lewis Elementary is a small "student-centered" Title 1 school nestled in the foothills of Pickens County. We serve a student population of 230 students from pre-kindergarten through grade five, and we are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our focus continues to be student achievement, school climate/parent involvement, and teacher/ administrator quality.

Student achievement continues to be a top priority. The school report card rating for the past two years was an "A" rating, and performance continues to substantially exceed state expectations. Once again, we have been recognized as a Title 1 Rewards School for Performance for the 2013-2014 school year. While maintaining its family-friendly atmosphere, the school strives to provide data-driven, differentiated and individualized instruction to ensure success for all students. We have a talented faculty and staff that strive daily to provide an outstanding education to our students. Their efforts and the achievement of our students have led to many awards and accolades for which we are very proud. Mrs. Pauline Blackston was selected as the Pickens County School District Support Person of the Year, Mrs. Angela Hendricks was selected as the South Carolina Media Paraprofessional of the year, and Ms. Bonnie McCombs received the WYFF Golden Apple award. We were awarded the 2013 Bronze National Recognition Award by former President Bill Clinton at the Healthy Generation National Conference. The school climate continues to improve through the leadership of our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) team. PBIS sets common positive expectations for the school and classroom. Incentives are provided for students when they demonstrate those expectations. Our character education program continues to recognize students who display attributes of good citizenship; parents and students participate in a character education luncheon each month at the school. Activities beyond the classroom continue to be part of our instructional program. This year students participated in the FLL robotics team regional competition, safety patrol, school chorus, Jump Rope for Heart, Christmas Tree Lighting at Blue Ridge Electric, mentoring programs, YAMS, Title 1 Family Nights, Superintendent's Advisory Council, and the PTA Spring Fling. During the school year, the teachers participated in professional development in team building workshops, Accelerated Reader, STAR Reading, writing, interactive notebooks, data analysis, technology, parent/teacher relations, and effective classroom management.

We appreciate our PTA parent volunteers, mentors, School Improvement Council, and our business partners that strive to provide an outstanding education for all the students. Our biggest challenge is to provide our students and staff with the training and technology skills needed for the 21st Century.

Robin Smith, Chairperson Thomas Polidor, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	27	14
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.1%	96.3%	92.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.8%	100.0%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	92.6%	92.8%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	80.7
Overall Grade Conversion	B

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

A.R. Lewis Elementary has been designated as a:

X	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.2%	94.0%*	Yes
			State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)			61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials			0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 3-5							
All Students	635.8	617.5	613.0	643.2	100.0	100.0	98.6
Male	630.1	616.7	612.0	639.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	643.0	618.5	N/A	647.2	100.0	100.0	96.9
White	637.6	618.5	612.5	644.4	100.0	100.0	98.4
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	628.3	608.5	606.1	631.4	100.0	100.0	98.0
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	35	642.5	100.0	35	645.2	100.0
	4	29	642.9	96.6	29	632.5	96.6
	5	46	648.3	97.8	46	614.0	97.8
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	18	630.4	100.0	17	644.2	100.0
	4	29	630.0	96.6	29	674.0	96.6
	5	23	619.8	100.0	22	634.0	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	37	622.0	100.0	37	617.2	100.0
	4	36	634.7	100.0	36	618.1	100.0
	5	27	655.5	100.0	27	617.0	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	18	600.2	94.7	17	633.6	94.4
	4	36	621.3	100.0	36	646.8	100.0
	5	14	608.2	100.0	13	646.4	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	3901021
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	650.2	648.1	635.8	653.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	644.6	648.2	636.9	655.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	N/A
Female	655.7	647.9	634.8	650.5	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	654.3	652.7	640.9	656.2	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	627.3	617.2	606.2	632.4	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	679.8	703.1	662.9	695.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	630.1	627.9	614.0	640.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	603.0	598.4	597.0	614.3	99.2	99.6	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	633.3	634.1	613.0	643.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	634.0	628.7	618.7	636.8	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	633.3	635.3	644.0	641.1	99.9	99.8	99.3	N/A
Male	626.0	634.1	644.1	645.8	99.9	99.8	99.2	N/A
Female	641.0	636.5	643.9	636.2	99.9	99.9	99.4	N/A
White	636.2	637.7	647.0	643.0	99.9	99.8	99.4	N/A
African American	605.2	606.5	616.8	616.0	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	678.3	702.5	686.9	683.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	624.1	628.3	631.2	641.2	100.0	99.4	99.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	577.0	584.2	586.9	594.3	99.8	99.4	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	620.4	632.4	635.9	641.8	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	614.5	616.4	627.7	624.0	99.9	99.8	98.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	231.5	225.8	82.2	78.0	99.6	99.7	100.0	80.4
Male	229.2	228.0	82.0	78.8	99.4	99.5	100.0	76.5
Female	234.0	223.6	82.5	77.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	84.9
White	233.0	227.6	83.6	78.7	99.5	99.6	100.0	80.8
African American	217.5	208.5	71.3	71.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87.5
Hispanic	228.7	219.3	77.1	76.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.9
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	205.3	194.7	64.7	66.2	98.6	99.3	100.0	43.3
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	85.7
Subsidized Meals	222.5	214.0	77.0	73.9	99.6	99.6	100.0	68.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	3901021
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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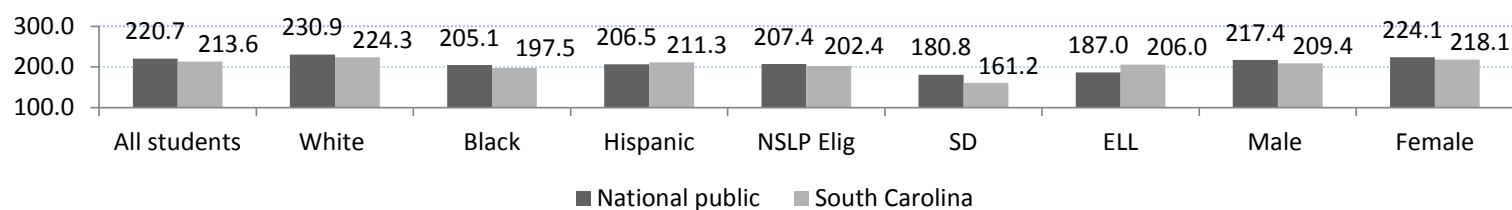
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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